

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the time taken by the Examiner to review Applicant's present application. This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed April 21, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to Claims 12, 13, 20, 21, 27, 28, 35 and 36 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 40 is similar to objected to Claim 20 rewritten in independent form, Claim 43 is similar to objected to Claim 27 rewritten in independent form and Claim 45 is similar to objected to Claim 35 rewritten in independent form. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of these Claims. Additionally, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the respective dependent Claims.

An extension of one (1) month is requested and a Notification of Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 with the appropriate fee is enclosed herewith.

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3183 of Sprinkle IP Law Group.

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